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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002. In view of the following amendments and response, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 4 and 9 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original subject matter in a continuing application.

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A cover and hinge assembly for covering a cable trough having a base and two sidewalls, the assembly comprising:  
a cover plate having a pivot member along at least one edge;  
a hinge member including first and second arms coupled by a middle member to form a U-shaped recess for receiving a sidewall of the trough between the first and second arms, the hinge member also defining a detent pocket, the pocket releasably

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